

Davis County EMS Council

November 2, 2017

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Present:

Chief Guido Smith, Chair
Chief Jeff Bassett
Deputy Fire Chief Justin Benavides
Dr. Summer Grace
Chief Dave Olsen
Lieutenant Brandon Roundy
Chief Derek Tolman
Chief Kevin Ward
Dr. Dennis Wyman
Dr. Blake Yerman

Visitors/Guests:

Ellis Bruch
Jason Cook
Taunia Couch
Jillyn Graham
Cyle Hall
Nadine Sillito
Dane Stone
Dave Youngberg
Bryson Westbroek

County Staff Present:

Amy O'Dell, DCHD Administrative Secretary

The regularly scheduled meeting of the Davis County EMS Council was held Thursday, November 2, 2017 at the Davis County Health Department, Board Room, 22 South State Street, Clearfield, Utah. The meeting was called to order at 10:03 a.m. by Chief Guido Smith.

Welcome

Chief Guido Smith welcomed council members, staff and visitors to the meeting. Dr. Summer Grace was introduced as the Medical Director for South Weber Fire Department.

Minutes

The minutes of the May 4, 2017 meeting were presented and reviewed.

Dr. Blake Yerman motioned to accept minutes of the May 4, 2017 meeting. Chief Kevin Ward seconded. The vote was unanimous.

2017 EMS Protocol

Chief Smith opened a discussion regarding the update of Davis County EMS Protocols. He recommended the 2017 EMS Utah Protocols be adopted. Chief Smith reported the state of Utah has adopted the national standard. He shared it would benefit the county by strengthening protocols and guidelines along with improving agency protection due to state level support. Additionally, he noted the task of maintaining Davis County protocols would be minimized by adopting the newest protocols. Chief Smith expressed appreciation for Chief Jason Cook regarding his progressive efforts in this area.

Chief Smith stated that the proposed update would serve as a good catalyst, prompting all agencies to review protocols, and be familiar with current State directives for the purpose of making an informed vote at the next EMS Council meeting on February 1, 2018.

Dr. Dennis Wyman noted the need for operational protocols to remain. He stated that psychiatric protocol is not included in the 2017 EMS Utah Protocols. Therefore, psychiatric and rapid sequence intubation (RSI) protocols are important to be included with any adopted by the county.

The operational protocols Dr. Wyman referenced include the following categories from the current Davis County documents:

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Davis County EMS Reference Guidelines:

1. MISSION STATEMENT
2. DEFINITION OF AN EMS SERVICE
3. OPERATIONAL GUIDELINES.....
4. COUNCIL MEMBERS
5. SELECTION OF INITIAL HOSPITAL/PATIENT TRIAGE ...
6. TRIAGE OF TRAUMA PATIENTS.....
7. SCENE RELEASE OF PATIENTS.....
8. RESUSCITATE / DO NOT RESUSCITATE PROTOCOL
9. DEATH PROTOCOL
10. PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS.....
11. MEDICAL INCIDENT RESPONSE PLAN.....

Davis County EMS Working Protocols:

SCENE RELEASE OF PATIENTS

RESUSCITATE / DO NOT RESUSCITATE PROTOCOL

DEATH PROTOCOL

PSYCHIATRIC PATIENTS

GENERAL GUIDELINES.....

Chief Jeff Bassett shared the option of each agency individually managing these aspects. Dr. Blake Yerman voiced communication concerns with varying agency protocol, stating that it impacts the patient handling and professional interactions.

Chief Smith submitted a proposal to disseminate the online website information, <https://bemsp.utah.gov/operations-and-response/>. Chief Dave Olsen seconded. All were in favor.

Chief Smith requested the Council members come prepared to vote on the motion to adopt the full state protocols as is, with addition to the general identifiers that the county documents outline.

Bureau of Emergency Medical Services (BEMS) Update

On behalf of Tami Goodin, the following handouts were provided to the EMS Council for distribution:

- November 2017 BEMS Update
- November 2017 EMSC Connects Newsletter – Head Injury

Other Business

An announcement was shared regarding Paul Erickson; he is the newly appointed Chief at Kaysville Fire Department.

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Continuation of Care Follow-Up

Ellis Bruch led a discussion regarding patient handoff processes between EMT and hospital staff. The Council identified agency procedures and electronic technology as factors towards the variations that occur. This is expected to resolve, in part, with the adoption of State rules which include a guideline of one hour to submit patient documentation. However, electronic technology access may still be a challenge.

The group discussion supported the need to have strong narratives in writing and verbal reports for patient turnover. Recommendations include having Doctor and Nurse in the room for directives, following the EMT pattern of key points for consistency of information given, and the sharing of scene pictures in the presentation. As a beneficial training and/or review tool, audio may be recorded by the hospital.

Adjournment

Chief Jeff Bassett motioned to adjourn. Chief Derek Tolman seconded. The EMS Council meeting was adjourned at 10:25 a.m.

NEXT MEETING: February 1, 2018
 9:30 a.m. - 10:00 a.m. Medical Directors
 10:00 a.m. -11:00 a.m. Council, At-Large Attendees, and Guests

2018 Meeting Schedule Dates:

February 1, 2018

May 3, 2018

August 2, 2018

November 1, 2018